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## The CISF Rolls Out the Green Carpet On a \$400,000 Capital Campaign

As the old Irish proverb says, 'The longest road out is the shortest road home.'

The CISF has set its sights on new plateaus and, while the road is long, and the mountains are high, there is no turning back.

No turning back from our commitment to protect, preserve and cherish a golden legacy for our children and our children's children.

That means offering stimulating academic courses (and financing four more!) that bring the adventure of Irishness to the forefront. That means sponsoring an invigorating public lecture series and creating endowments to finance scholarships for our young people. For those who will keep the flame alive. And now, we are finalizing arrangements to have a Visiting Professor come from Ireland to teach new courses, a dramatic landmark in a long list of impressive achievements. (see details, p.2)

So as you listen to the lake water lapping by the shore, remember, we are busy keeping a beautiful part of Canada's heritage very green, indeed! And your future Irish.

With your kind support, we will find the short road home. 🍀



"I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore...  
I hear it in the deep heart's core." (William Butler Yeats,  
*The Lake Isle of Innisfree*)

*Give Irish. It's forever!*

Reinventing Innisfree!

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for a survey of the remarkable  
accomplishments of the CISF.

The CISF is helping to finance a future that celebrates a rich inheritance and cherishes the past. Call us at (514) 848-8711 or fax at (514) 848-4514. Or write us at : Canadian Irish Studies Foundation, 1590 Dr. Penfield Ave., Montreal, Qc H3G 1C5. Our e-mail is : [cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:cdnirish@alcor.concordia.ca). We look forward to hearing from you!



# Reinventing Innisfree

W.B. Yeats, one of the most distinguished Irish poets of all time, captured the soul of Ireland's spiritual and literary heritage in his extraordinary work, *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*, from which we quoted in our caption on p. 1. The Canadian Irish Studies Foundation believes that one of the great challenges in this new century is to preserve and protect the heart and the soul of the Irish world, a golden thread in the glorious Canadian multicultural tapestry.

Our Foundation understands that the preservation of a treasured tradition is hard work. It means reinventing Innisfree - the magic of the Irish universe - on a constant, continuing basis.

So we have set out to climb mountains and cross rivers that very few believed we could.

And with your heartfelt generosity, *we have climbed those mountains and crossed those rivers.* 🍀



## The CISF is the Green Line to Irish Canada.

Since 1995, we have raised more than \$3.5 million and received major grants from governments at all levels, major corporations and banks, foundations and associations of all kinds, and, of course, from the many individuals who have given so much from their private incomes, whether large or small, because they understood that in giving Irish their contribution would last forever.

Working in partnership with Concordia University, the Foundation **has made headlines over the years. Here are only a few!**



"One of Canada's most distinguished Irish studies scholars, Dr. Michael Kenneally, appointed Inaugural Chair in Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia University."



"Nobel Prize Winner Seamus Heaney honoured by the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation."



"CISF Scholarships keep the Flame Alive! - Foundation creates endowments to finance 13 deserving students continue with their studies."

"The CISF is proud to announce that campaigns have begun in honour of three well-known Irish Canadians - the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Sir William Hingston, and Irene Mulroney - who have, in distinctive ways, made important contributions to their communities and country."



"CISF Scholarships help build the Future by Honouring the Past."



"Concordia University's Centre for Canadian Irish Studies Launches a Minor and a Certificate Program: a whole new world of learning that brings the Magic and Adventure of the Irish experience to the Forefront. Centre now offers six courses each academic year which have a full enrollment of 200 students."



"Centre for Canadian Irish Studies gathering of Griffintowners of yesteryear a wonderful human resource for Green Archives."

"The CISF is the communications hub for Montreal's Irish community."



"Maloney paintings find a permanent new home at the Centre for Canadian Irish Studies."



"Irish public lecture series brings *more than 80 distinguished speakers* to Concordia University since its inception."



"In attendance at the first annual Bishop Neil Willard Lecture in Canadian Irish Studies were members of the beloved Bishop's family, as well as Bishop Anthony Mancini and Dr. Lowy, Rector of Concordia University."



"Canadian Journal of Irish Studies is a Treasure Chest of Sparkling Wit, Provocative Pens, and Warm Pearls of Wisdom."



"CBC Radio and Concordia University Irish Celebration in Words and Music Directed by Cathy Richards Steals the Hearts of a Packed House!"



# Bold \$400,000 Capital Campaign Makes Headlines

## As we move to new plateaus we need your support!

So much for yesterday. As the soft days of Summer dissolve into the mellow hues of Autumn, your Canadian Irish Studies Foundation is already hard at work. Our vision, we know, is shared by many of our readers. That vision is about enabling our young people to become principals in the rich traditions and history of the Irish contributions to Canada. In a press release dated July 7, 2003, Brian O'Neill Gallery, Chair of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation, was pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees had approved the launch of a Capital Campaign to create an endowment of \$400,000. The fund, fittingly, will be used to finance additional courses for students at the Centre for Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia University.

The Centre looks forward to offering new courses such as: *Grosse Île and the Irish Famine; The Irish Diaspora in Canada: Migration and Settlement; the Irish in Nineteenth-Century Montréal, and Irish and Québec Music: Influences and Developments.*

In launching this campaign, Mr. Gallery noted that the CISF has, in cooperation with Concordia University, accomplished much since its inception in 1995. (see below) "The prestigious Board of Directors and Trustees and all supporters can be truly proud of what has been accomplished, but now we are moving to the next level of development and we must offer more courses so that students can continue to learn about the rich Irish heritage in Ireland and in Canada. I am confident that all those who helped us so generously in the past will come to our assistance one more time, as we work with Concordia to consolidate and build on our achievements," Mr. Gallery stated. Dr. Frederick Lowy, Rector of Concordia University, said that he was delighted with the decision of the Trustees and wished Mr. Gallery and the Foundation every success in this Capital Campaign.



Dr. Lowy would know better than anyone that, as Henry Adams once said: "A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." While that's true of many outstanding teachers, the Centre understands that the influence of a Visiting Professor from Ireland would have no equal. That's why we are now finalizing arrangements to have a distinguished Irish lecturer teach two courses in the up-and-coming Fall semester.



**Brian O'Neill Gallery, Chair of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation, accepting certificate of appreciation at the 2003 Library Donor Recognition Event, Webster Library, Concordia University.**

## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

### Canadian Irish Studies Foundation

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The CISF salutes **Marianna O'Gallagher**, newly minted member of the Order of Canada. A recipient of many awards for her distinguished dedication to the heritage of the Irish community in Québec and Canada, Marianna is a legendary figure, both at home and in Ireland. Whether it has been as publisher, historian, archivist, or passionate spokesperson, Ms. O'Gallagher has remained true to the spirit of the Irish and is perhaps best known to her many friends, colleagues and admirers for her groundbreaking work on Grosse Île. *Marianna, may*

*St. Patrick guard you wherever you go...and may his loving protection be a blessing to you always.*



**Marianna O'Gallagher receives the Order of Canada from the Governor General, her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson.**

The CISF takes great pride in announcing that one of Canada's most distinguished Irish Studies scholars, **Dr. Michael Kenneally**, has been appointed Honorary Consul General of Ireland in Montréal for the Province of Québec. Michael is well known to our readers as the Executive Director of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation. Last year, Dr. Kenneally was chosen as inaugural Chair in Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia, as well as being appointed Director of the Centre for Canadian Irish Studies. *Michael, may Irish angels rest their wings right beside your door.*

## Put this date on your calendar.

The Centre for Canadian Irish Studies is proud to announce that the guest of honour at our highly successful lecture series on October 9, 2003, will be Dr. Garret FitzGerald, former Prime Minister of Ireland, who is a prestigious author in his own right, and an important figure in contemporary politics. Dr. FitzGerald was one of the primary participants in the peace agreement between the Irish and British governments over the past thirty years.

## Our Heartfelt Appreciation to All Our Friends and Donors

To all of our generous supporters. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! Your contribution to our 2003 Annual Campaign has brought us to \$23,970, including donations made to the Mathew Hamilton Gault Scholarship. But projects like ours are forever. We urgently need your help.

So if you would like to donate a gift that can make a difference in preserving and promoting the Irish Heritage in Canada, please make out your cheque to the CISF - the Green Line to Irish Canada - and mail it today.

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An' bad luck to the one  
That doesn't respect ye.*